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Enclosed for filing is the patent application of Inventor(s):  
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 For: CLUSTERING OF TASK-ASSOCIATED OBJECTS FOR EFFECTING TASKS  
 AMONG A SYSTEM AND ITS ENVIRONMENTAL DEVICES

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- ☒ Appointment of Associates;
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and copies of documents listed therein;
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment;
- ☒ Specification (41 Pages of Specification, Claims, & Abstract);
- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney:  
 (2 Pages of a ☒ fully executed ☐ unsigned Declaration);
- ☒ Drawing (4 sheets of ☒ informal ☐ formal sheets);
- ☐ Certified copy of application Serial No. ;
- ☒ Authorization Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a)(3)
- ☐ Other: ;
- ☒ Assignment to PHILIPS ELECTRONICS NORTH AMERICA CORPORATION.

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APPOINTMENT OF ASSOCIATES

Sir:

The undersigned Attorney of Record hereby revokes all  
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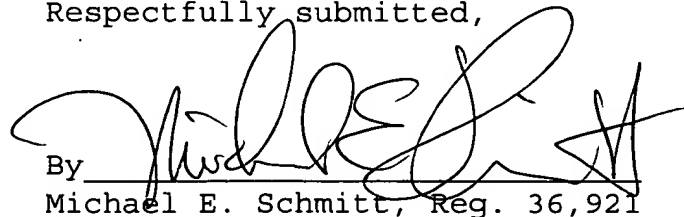
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Sir:

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